

## **Policy for representing Cranmere Primary School in sporting events and other competitions**

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Cranmere strives to develop P.E and sport amongst its children. As part of this the school enters numerous competitive activities with other schools mainly from the Elmbridge District. Some of these competitions take the form of leagues involving regular fixtures whilst others are one off tournaments. We are fortunate to have such an active Elmbridge District Primary School Sports Association (EDPSSA) who organise multiple competitions covering a wide variety of sports. This allows healthy competition and an opportunity for children to represent their school and mix with pupils from other schools. In most cases these competitions are for KS2 children (and within this Year 5 & 6) although KS1 tournaments are starting to emerge.

Cranmere enters these competitions with a view to representing the school in the best way possible and to achieve to the best of our ability. This will normally mean selecting the children who display the greatest aptitude/ability in a particular sport. Other factors will be taken into account for example ability to use the 6Rs and attendance at training if applicable. In many cases, numbers of children representing the school in these teams are small in proportion to the total number of children in the school, key stage or year group. For example, there are now 60 boys in Year 5 and 6 and the football team is 7-a-side.

As such we aim to select a team in the fairest way possible in order that all children have an opportunity to display their ability and potential to represent the school.

### **Criteria for selecting Cranmere Primary teams for one off competitions**

- 1/ Ability as decided by a one off trial in the run up to the event in order to select those most proficient in that particular sport OR ability based on the knowledge of the relevant classteachers and the sports coach
- 2/ Good application of the 6Rs and ability to be a good ambassador for Cranmere
- 3/ Pupils in the oldest year group

### **Criteria for selecting Cranmere Primary teams for ongoing leagues and tournaments with a direct link to a club**

- 1/ Regular attendance at the club/training\*
- 2/ Ability (as decided by the club coach or school staff)
- 3/ Good application of the 6Rs and ability to be a good ambassador for Cranmere

\*if there is a clash of clubs and the child opts for another club running at the same time then they will be given equal consideration under this criteria.

Substitutions are at the discretion of the team manager and no playing time is guaranteed. The position played will be decided by the team manager.

In all cases the school reserves the right to apply these criteria as it sees fit and final selection is solely the remit of the school and its staff.

Where possible the school will try to arrange and increasing number of friendly "B Team" fixtures to allow more children to experience playing sporting fixtures against other schools. The school will also seek to provide other competitive opportunities for large numbers of children through events such as